

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

In re Patent Application of:)	Group Art Unit: 2826
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Kaoru Koike, et al.)	Examiner: Erdem, Fazli
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Application No. 10/080,104)	
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Filed: February 21, 2002)	
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For: MASK-MAKING MEMBER AND ITS)	
PRODUCTION METHOD, MASK AND ITS)	
MAKING METHOD, EXPOSURE PROCESS,)	
AND FABRICATION METHOD OF)	
SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE)	
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Applicants filed a Response on May 30, 2006 in response to an Non-Final Office Action dated April 20, 2006.

A Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment was mailed on June 7, 2006, stating that the Response was not fully responsive because the claim allegedly were not marked with the proper status identifier. Specifically, the Notice stated that claims 22-27 and 64 were not properly marked as "Previously Presented."

Applicants respectfully note that claim 22 was previously canceled, and therefore properly marked as canceled.

Claims 23-27 were amended in the Response and therefore correctly labeled as "Currently Amended." Specifically, claims 23-27 were each amended to include a comma (claim 23, line 15; claim 24, line 15; claim 25, line 15; claim 26, line 15; and claim 27, line 15). In the Response filed on May 30, 2006, Applicants noted in the Remarks section that claims 23-27 were amended to correct informalities.

Claim 64 has been relabeled as "Previously Presented" in the Supplemental Response

submitted herewith.

Applicants respectfully submit that the Supplemental Response submitted herewith is fully responsive and request entry of the Supplemental Response.

This response is made within one month of the mailing of the Notice of Non-compliant Amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

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SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE TO APRIL 20, 2006 NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This is a Supplemental Response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed April 20, 2006. This Supplemental Response is filed in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed on June 7, 2006. This Supplemental Response replaces the Response filed on May 30, 2006. Specifically, this Supplemental Response is the same as the Response filed on May 30, 2006, except claim 64 has been relabeled as "Previously Presented." In view of the amendments and remarks made herein, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims.